

What is a synonym?

- A synonym is a word that has a **similar** meaning to another.

Example.

good

fine

okay

*Similar means almost the same
but with a small difference.*

Can you describe the difference between the words?

How can we use synonyms?

- Synonyms can be used instead of **common** words (high frequency words.)
- Common words lack power in our writing. They can make our writing **boring**.
- By choosing more **unusual** words a text can become **interesting**.

Plenary. Use the synonyms for bad to complete this passage.

Late one night I heard a **bad** noise - what could it be? Was is some **bad** creature doing a **bad** deed? As I went to investigate I could smell something **bad**, and I wondered what **bad** thing could have happened. All the **bad** things I could think of filled my mind, and as a I crept round the corner I saw a **bad** sight...

It was a _____ !

dreadful	horrible	terrible	awful	evil	gruesome
nasty	vile	hideous			

Antonyms

Words that have opposite meanings.

Match up words that mean
the opposite on the next
slide.

abundant



scarce

accept



refuse

accurate



incorrect

admit



deny

antique



modern

combine



separate

extinguish



ignite

import



export

knowledge



ignorance

merciful



cruel

prohibit



allow

temporary



permanent

minimum



maximum

majority



minority